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Walk to school

by Lolita Tubio

This Valentine's Day give Bill Bennett a valentine.

Students, teachers, professors, parents and people concerned about education from across the province will be gathering at 12 noon in Centennial Square for the "Dare to Care" rally and march to the Legislative Buildings.

Before the walk commences several speakers will be addressing the crowd. Carol Pickup, chairperson of the Greater Victoria School Board, will speak on the need for a unified education system. Mavis DeGirolamo, chairperson of the Greater Victoria Teacher's Association will discuss Education '85 — a mass plan by teachers to inform the public on the effects of education cutbacks. Victoria Mayor Peter Pollen will also speak on the short and long term economic benefits of UVic to the community.

From there it's a short march to the Legislative Buildings where more speeches will be made by NDP MLAs Robin Blencoe and Gordon Hansen, Alma Mater Society President Rosemin Keshvani, Canadian Student Federation Chairperson Terry Hunt, and Gordon Shrimpton, UVic professor of Classics and Hispanic Studies and past president of the Faculty Association. New Democratic Party Leader Bob Skelly may also speak.

Following the speeches there will be approximately 25-30 different lectures taking place on the lawns. Participants will be able to rotate from one lecture to another.

Sue Stroud, spokesperson for the Alliance to Defend Education and the rally's main organizer says, "We're emphasizing that it's a rally in support of education. It's not a protest. We're going to be showing what post-secondary institutions do in hopes that we can educate the public."

Stroud says the emphasis will be on post-secondary education even though the rally's purpose is to demonstrate concern for all education.

"It is time to stand up for ourselves. We're being pushed around. We're being told the only time our voice counts is on election day and the rest of the time we're supposed to sit around and take whatever is dished out. Is this democracy?" □

by Glenn Raynor

Time to cry wolf?

The government's controversial wolf kill program is continuing this year despite objections from animal rights groups, including UVic's Animal Rights Society.

This year 135 wolves have been killed since November in the government's Peace River control area. Last year a total of 238 wolves were killed in the 18,400 sq. km. region.

The protestors object on the grounds that behind the publically announced goal of restoring a

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Job money arrives

by Mary Lynn Bancroft

Two hundred and five million dollars will be alloted to student summer job creation, the government announced last Wednesday.

B.C. will receive $19.4 million of this money. Last year the province received about $14 million.

The 1984 summer job program created an estimated 85,000 jobs for Canadian students. This summer's program — Challenge '85 — is estimated to create 95,000 jobs. B.C. employment ministry spokesperson Heather Stewart predicted 9,000 full-time summer jobs will be created for B.C. students.

Priority will be given to career-related employment in the private and public sectors in an internship model with much less focus on community project employment. About $163 million is slated for a new program called Summer Employment-Experience Development which will offer wage subsidies to employers.

Another $10 million is slated for government departments offering career-related jobs to students, and $14.2 million for RCMP youth programs and to train cadets. Another $16 million goes to operate about 450 student employment centres across Canada.

The remaining money will be directed into existing programs and offer wage subsidies to businesses which hire students.

Flora MacDonald, Employment and Immigration Minister, said she will personally challenge the private sector to create additional jobs for students and has approached chief executives of eight corporations who promise to bring as many as 10,000 young people into their ranks. The corporations include IBM, Noranda Mines Inc., Imperial Oil, Northern Telecom, Bell Canada, and the Royal Bank. □

Govt. pushes social science cuts

by Mike O'Brien

Despite rumours to the contrary, the provincial government is not demanding UVic administration to eliminate Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science and Music, University president Howard Petch said.

Petch admitted the Premier and his cabinet have indicated they think UVic produces too many graduates in those departments, but they have not specifically asked UVic administration to eliminate them entirely in exchange for a modest increase in the 1986 operating grant to UVic.

The chairpersons of the four departments said the rumours were just that.

The three B.C. universities are currently waiting for the government to release its budget, detailing the 1985-86 operating grant to the universities.

The February 8 edition of the *Ubyssey*, UBC's student paper, quoted Petch as saying the government had asked him to justify the existence of those four departments without suggesting they be eliminated. "Their statements had been put forth as questions," the article quoted Petch as saying.

Petch told the *Ubyssey* a government attempt to make university administrators eliminate departments would be a violation of the provincial

— photo by Mike O'Brien

Universities Act, which gives such authority to the Senate and the Board of Governors.

UVic Faculty Association President Bill Pfaffenberger, told the *Ubyssey* Petch gave faculty a different impression at a January 18 meeting between administration and professors.

He said Petch reported the government was putting "unbearable pressure" on UVic, SFU and UBC administration to surrender university autonomy, and that the oeprating grant might be more generous if they complied. "It would take an idiot not to interpret that as a financial carrot," Pfaffenberger said.

Petch brought graphs and charts to the Student Union Building Tuesday to show students how B.C.'s post secondary education is underfunded.

Facing a crowded room, the President presented slides showing B.C. is tied with Newfoundland for the lowest participation rate of 18-24 year olds attending university.

He said the government's accusations that UVic graduates too many students in the Social Sciences are unfounded. One graduate showed UVic produces 25 per cent fewer than the Canadian average of Social Science graduates per province.

He said B.C. has imported 19,000 people with bachelors degrees to fill B.C. jobs in a recent 10 year period and so may continue to do so "at the cost of our young people."

In an interview with the *Martlet*, Petch explained one of the problems behind underfunding of B.C.'s universities is the government's view of post-secondary institutions. "They look at it as totally job-training." University funding used to take up seven per cent of the provincial budget and is now down to 3.5 per cent.

Petch said UVic administration feels Sociology and Political Science are core subjects and adds he disagrees with the government's feeling that UVic does not need a School of Music when there is one at UBC. Petch

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As per your wishes

The Martlet will not use *per* in future issues. A surprising 222 students responded to the February 7 *Martlet*'s poll asking for readers' opinion about our use of the non-sexist pronoun *per*. One hundred eighty-seven students who responded disliked the pronoun. Thirty-five students felt *per* was an acceptable substitution for he/she and his/her.

Martlet staff agreed that popular student-opinion should decide "per's" future. □

Making allowances

by Mary Tait

B.C. PIRG — If British Columbia's 57 MLAs were smiling when they returned to the legislature February 11, it may have had something to do with the promise of greater financial return.

On their second day back, the members voted unanimously to increase their allowances and pension benefits as recommended in a two-party committee report on standing orders and private bills.

While the report recommends no increase in this year's base pay, it proposed MLAs receive a capital city allowance between $1,500 and $3,000 a year.

The new allowance is in addition to the MLAs' present basic salary of $40,047 a year, which includes a $13,349 tax-free expense allowance.

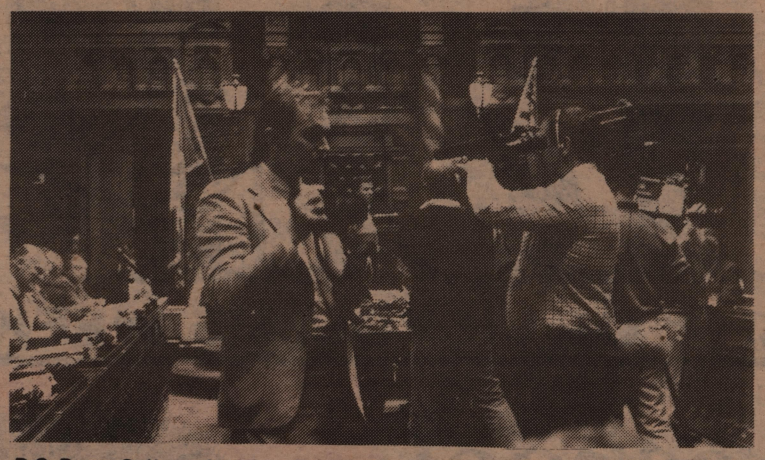
After the report was adopted with almost no debate, Premier Bennett said he would ask Compensation Stabilization Commissioner Ed Peck to review the allowance, which adds up to $60 a day for MLAs outside Greater Victoria and $30 for those representing ridings in the Victoria area, for the first 50 days of a legislative session.

Bennett said Peck, who is responsible for reviewing public-sector wage increases, is not bound legislatively to review increases to MLAs.

But in a letter to Peck the Premier wrote it would be appropriate to submit the report and "a review of this report in light of the compensation stabilization act is an essential element in enhancing the leadership the public expects from its representatives.

The announcement of the pay hike caused public outcry from groups such as the B.C. Teachers Federation and the Hospital Employees Union.

They claimed the government is practicing double standards, imposing restraint on all British Columbians except themselves.



B.C. Press Gallery photographers and cameramen capture the images of the decision-makers on one of those rare occasions the government allows them into the House. — *photo by Mary Tait*

Committee chairman Austin Pelton (SC-Dewdney) said the new allowance will help politicians outside Greater Victoria defray the costs of keeping two homes.

Greater Victoria MLAs need more money, Pelton said, for "entertaining people in their homes" and "not just entertainment . . . they may require to have an extra telephone in their home or something of that nature."

The report also recommends the appointment of up to 10 parliamentary secretaries, selected from the back benches and each paid $6,000 annually. It says MLAs only have to serve in two parliaments, or for seven years, before they are eligible for increased pension benefits.

Aside from money matters, the report outlined major changes in the rules and procedures which cover business in the legislature. Pelton described the changes as "the most substantive in more than 50 years."

The most noteworthy changes are:

- Allotting private members a day when they can raise any matter of importance,
- Time limit on speeches have been shortened,
- Television and radio coverage of debates in the House must be studied in more detail before it will be allowed.□

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Student holdings revealed

by Michele Read

Although they don't know it, UVic students are playing the stock market.

The BOD passed President Rosemin Keshvani's motion to ensure the contents of AMS stock portfolios "are fully and properly publicized to foster discussion and input into AMS spending." Information regarding the portfolios will be available for student inspection in the AMS glass display case in the Student Union Building until February 28.

VP Finance Michelle Aucoin objected to publicizing the documents. She said it was not good business practice to circulate the documents as information disclosed off campus could be to the University's disadvantage. She said all members of the Alma Mater Society have access to the portfolio documents as do students, upon request. AMS General Manager Dave Clode felt a partial disclosure of the portfolio would be misleading because a day to day evaluation would give an incorrect picture of the stocks' overall performance.

"One would need to publish terms of reference rather than just a list of the stocks. You would also need full disclosure and a historical background, otherwise there is no understanding fostered," Clode said in objection to the motion.

A second motion as brought up by Judy Andrew to consider disinvestment of holdings in the Bank of Montreal which would not result in a financial loss for the Society. In a 1983 referendum students requested UVic disinvest with companies doing business with South Africa. The Bank of Montreal is one such company.

Clode reminded the BOD investors could never be in total political agreement with the companies in which they invest. He cited the closing of Sooke Forest Products by the Toronto Dominion Bank last year which resulted in the layoff of its employees. Toronto Dominion was chosen for AMS investments because it did not have investment ties with South Africa.

The funds invested in the stock market are done so by the University on behalf of the AMS and at the advice of the AMS's broker and Dave Clode. The majority of the funds are in bonds but some are in stocks, Clode said. The university invests the Dr. Ewing Memorial fund in short term bonds.

A minimum of $5,000 from student AMS fees is contributed yearly to the Capital Replacement Fund, which goes toward SUB expansion and replacement of permanent fixtures and furniture in the SUB. The Capital Replacement Fund is invested by the AMS broker, Audlin Brown Ltd., in Federal Government Bond as well as bonds with other companies. The stock holdings include Transalta Utilities, Union Gas, Hiram Walker and others.□

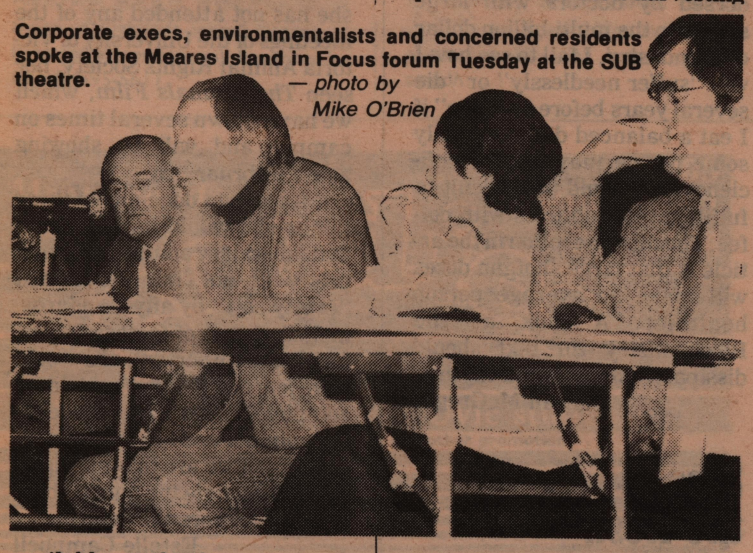
Forest giants defend cutting rights

by Michael Timney

They came from all over to hear MacBlo's defense of its right to log Meare's Island.

Meare's Island in Focus, a forum presented by the AMS filled Cinecenta Tuesday at noon. A broad crossection of students and interested parties from the extended university community were on hand to hear two senior MacMillan Bloedel foresters defend their company's position and the rebuttals from a five member panel.

Norm Godfrey, MacBlo's regional Forester from Port Alberni with jurisdiction over Meares, presented his company's position: MacBlo is a beleagered giant assailed through the media. He stressed that Meares Island is not "a tiny island of little consequence to a 'forest giant'," as some would say. At 8500 hectares Meares is larger than many of the Gulf Islands, he said. A glossy booklet available at the forum echoed Godfrey's economic perspective on the forest. It says the timber area held by MacBlo on Meares is equal to a year's harvest from Tree Farm License 44 which supports 3800 people. Elsewhere it quotes the Meares Island Planning Team's report identifying the permanent loss of 240 jobs by withdrawing the Island's Provincial Forest status. Godfrey further identified $25 million compensation to his company and $158 million in lost government revenue as costs of forgoing logging.



Corporate execs, environmentalists and concerned residents spoke at the Meares Island in Focus forum Tuesday at the SUB theatre. *— photo by Mike O'Brien*

Bill Wagner, a doctoral candidate from the Geography department, captured the broader focus of public concern within a geographer's perspective of the struggle in the forest community. The forest community means "a system of human communities and institutions as well as biological and physical factors interacting as components of time." The battle over Meares Island pits "human institutions [against] human values."

Speaking on behalf of the Environmental Studies Student's Association, Linda Jay chronicled the planning process which had ignored preservationists' lobby. She reiterated that people of the area are still trying to make their point through civil disobedience. Specifically, she questioned Mac Blo's harvesting and reforestation practices; whether employment is ever a corporate priority; and the company's corporate responsibility if it acts ahead of a land claims settlement.

Godfrey defended reforestation practices saying, "M and B's lands are reforested within two years, on average." On harvest techniques he said they search the world over but cannot find cost effective alternatives for the big trees. He said stumpage paid on the coast more than covers the cost of reforestation.

Godfrey conceded job creation is not a corporate priority but implied a healthy forest industry means employment in B.C. He was less inclined to deal with Native land claims which the company maintains are the government's concern.

Godfrey and Williams were adamant, "The company has a valuable property right that it can't ignore." They asked whether resource use should be halted in all similarly disputed areas. A voice in the crowd answered a resounding "yes!" The company has been granted cutting rights on the Island for one year by a duly elected government and see the exercise of that right as their entitlement and responsibility. "No, there is no legitimate grounds for protest," said Williams.

By contrast to Mac Blo's aversion to dealing with land claims issues, Bruce MacLean of the Anthropology department directed the bulk of his remarks to the need for Canada to address itself to aboriginal rights in the context of the new Charter of Rights. These rights, he said, are entrenched but not defined. Where the native livelihood is so closely linked to the land MacLean sees the right of access to the land "a fundamental right, and to restrict it is to restrict committing ethnocide."

Five judges of the B.C. supreme court will hear an appeal on behalf of the Nuu-Chah Nulth tribe to stop logging pending settlement of their land claim on February 28. "Continued native willingness to use the courts puts an extra burden of responsibility on the judicial system to be seen as fair in admitting and weighing evidence," said MacLean.

Steve Lawson, Tofino resident, disputed the ownership of the trees within a disappearing forest. He described Meares Island as a turning point. Protest camps on the island are spreading, he says.

The company was attacked for fearing to set a precedent in land claims, for the use of militaristic language, spraying herbicides, exporting jobs with logs, and being blinkered by profit.

Morris Sutherland, an anthropology student from the village of Ahousat north of Meares Island, said his texts describe him as a "modern primitive" but that "at least we modern primitives learn by our mistakes, when will M and B learn from theirs?"

Godfrey said they do improve their logging practices constantly, but maintains they have a permit to cut Meares. "Yes, attitudes ahve changed toward logging but we have been given a legitimate permit to cut. Somehow this talk of civil disobedience doesn't seem like the Canadian way to me," he said.

"M and B are just following a corporate course determined by social and economic structures. We all speak for the forest. In advancing to a new society it is what we all do that will matter," concluded Linda Jay.□

Ed hears students

by Jude Kornelsen

"I support the students of British Columbia; I know they are frustrated," declared Provincial opposition Leader Bob Skelly, at an NDP membership drive Tuesday night.

"Since students have a government that refuses to listen to them, occasionally they have to demonstrate by walking out," he said.

"Students should have the opportunity to go to university and take a wide range of courses to prepare themselves for the world of the future," Skelly said. "The government is depriving them of this."

Skelly spoke alongside Federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent at the membership rally on the theme of "New Beginnings." The speakers encouraged stronger participation from the grassroots, which were described by Provincial Secretary Jerry Scott as "the backbone of the movement."

Broadbent generated optimism for the future of the party and the country, but condemned the current policy of Bill Bennett's government. He quoted a recent poll which cited the B.C. Socreds as the most incompetent and most disliked government in Canada. He reported the most recent Statistics Canada figures show 58,000 jobs have been lost in B.C. since September 1984. Addressing the issue of unemployment, Broadbent stated "if someone wants a job, they should be able to get one." He said the NDP is a "party of principle" with obligations to both health and education, which he described as the "pillars of democratic society. 'New Beginnings' expresses this obligation."

Teacher Bob Cameron, who ran for the NDP in the last provincial election, noted funds alloted by the Federal Government for education were being misdirected and used for projects such as Expo and the ALRT. This situation must be recitified if the universities are to receive the necessary grants, he said.

Cameron called attention to the fact the Provincial Government has warned B.C. School boards their 1987 budget must be equal to that of 1982. In 1982, the budget had been drastically reduced from the previous year, he added. Inflation alone would make such a task near impossible, he said.

MLA Gordon Hanson asserted Education cuts were "cutting into the future and creating a false economy." He emphasized the NDP stand on the restoration of funding for post-secondary institutions, saying "an investment in Education is an investment in the future."□

EDITORIAL

Dare to care

Who cares about education?

The average fourth year student pays nearly double tuition fees she did when she began her UVic career in 1981.

Clearly, whatever discontent we feel hasn't been voiced loudly enough to prevent the provincial government from destroying the accessibility and quality of UVic education with financial bloodletting.

Today, Thursday February 14, we will have another chance to show our discontent. Post secondary students from all over B.C. will congregate at Centennial Square and march to the legislature for a rally, followed by classes on the lawns.

We will have to be louder than before, and stronger. There is strength in numbers, so strap on your runners and take a hike for *your* education.

After all, do you want the Socreds to walk away with your rights?

Higher education IS a right, not a privilege.☐

Clode pulls BOD strings

UVic's elected student government is influenced too much by an unelected bureaucrat.

At Monday's Board of Directors meeting, the directors debated the ethics of AMS investments with companies conducting business in South Africa.

AMS General Manager Dave Clode tried to derail the directors' plans to end AMS involvement with these companies.

Clode, using irrelevant arguments, talked until most of the students had stopped listening. He referred to the referendum passed on campus three years ago as urging the University administration to sever connections with companies investing in South Africa. Clode implied the student government need not be influenced by the referendum since it was not specifically about the student administration.

Surely, it's the spirit of the vote that matters.

Clode's job is to give the board information. He should not make biased speeches to influence student decisions.

Since he's stepped miles beyond the advisory role he should hold, Clode can't be relied upon to present the facts fairly.

There was a half measure of success Monday night. The BOD decided for themselves to look further into the possibility of disinvestment.

It's up to you to make sure that half measure becomes a full one. Shout down Clode's arguments with your own. Keep Dave Clode in his place as liaison not lord.☐

AMS plays Stock market

What is happening to our student dollars? Are they being frittered away on services, SUB renovations, and bringing guest speakers to campus?

Not necessarily so. Some of the dollars are invested in stocks and bonds. Great if we make a profit, but terrible if we take a loss (Oh, we've heard rumours.) But that's not the point. Student activity fees do not belong on the stock market.

They should be frittered away on student services, SUB renovations, and bringing speakers to campus.

You know, important stuff.☐

In defense of colour

How dare *the Martlet* ask for more money and run full colour at the same time?

That's a comment we've heard a lot in the past few weeks. It's good the students are keeping an eye out for excess, but in this case the criticism is unwarranted.

Every time we run colour, it is because an advertiser asks for it — and pays for it. Last week, two different advertisers wanted colour, enabling us to mix red and blue in various amounts, thereby giving the impression of several colours. All at no cost to us (ie. you.)

You will also see several *Martlet* posters appear on campus over the next few weeks. Rest assured, production costs are nil and printing charges are nominal because we are now patronizing the Administration printing centre, NOT the AMS Copy Shop.☐

Letters to the Editors

Food, glorious food

Editors:

Special thanks go to all who made the Alma Mater Society's 1985 Food Drive a resounding success. Residents of the Gordon Head area gave overwhelmingly to the Mustard Seed Food Bank. About $1,500.00 worth of food was collected, as well as cash donations.

A special spirit was also shown by the volunteers who went door to door, even though it was snowing. The organizing committee of Dave Parkinson, Peter McAllister, Henry Frew, Mike MacEachen, and Shelly Reid contributed their many skills to this fine effort, and helped in the Drive's success.

Between this year's Food Drive and the next, we should all remember the Food Bank's work is a year-round effort, and they would appreciate donations at any time of the year.

Len Molden
AMS Vice President Services

Hair is hair

Editors:

I am surprised that feminists have not taken to task hair salon operators who engage in the discriminating practice of charging more for female hair cuts than for male hair cuts.

A case in point is illustrated in an advertisement in the *Martlet*, January 24 edition. The price difference is 25 per cent.

I have never been able to get a satisfactory answer when the question has been put as to why this is so. Surely, hair is hair and heads are heads. The unisex hair styles of the day leave no room for this type of discrimination.

Joyce Howrigan

AMS cheap act

Editors:

I'm writing to express my condolences about the cheap behaviour of the UVic Alma Mater Society in cutting funding to the *Martlet*. I think the *Martlet* is one of the highest-quality student newspapers in the country, and I'm dismayed the council can't see as much.

I thank you for retaining the CUPBEQ bureau on your mailing list; I look forward to reading your newspaper. I hope that you can still maintain the editorial quality, despite the burden of the frightening 60 per cent ad-to-copy ratio you've been forced to carry.

Also kudos for the great coverage of the Meares Island logging atrocities.

I guess all the Bad British Columbians just have to knuckle under and hope that this wave of rampant Bennettism will pass.

Peter Kuitenbrouwer
Quebec Bueau Chief
Canadian University Press

Diet not megadoses

Editors:

Healing thyself with megavitamins is probably only endorsed by doctors with large shares in the multi-billion dollar drug industry. I fail to see how I will "suffer needlessly" or "die several years before my time" if I eat a balanced diet. Certainly some people may have a deficiency that could be difficult to fulfill eating sub fries with coffee. The misconception in the article is that large shotgun doses will make an average person healthier. A look at the Biochemistry 201 text should dissipate most vitamin myths.

Duncan McGregor

Sins of the flesh

Editors:

I would like to clarify some misconceptions apparently created by my letter on animal rights and vegetarianism, which appeared in the January 24 *Martlet*.

...The headline which appeared over my letter, "Flesh eaters hypocritical," was unfortunate, and created a more antagonistic tone than I intended. The term "hypocritical" is pretty strong stuff. I would have preferred "inconsistent"; however, the choice of words is up to the editors, not me.

A student associated with the animal rights group on campus took the time to discuss the letter with me after it was published. She was obviously well aware of the cruelty of flesh eating, and the moral and physical advantages to vegetarianism. However, I stand by my criticism that the movement is concentrating its publicity campaigns on the glamorous and emotional issue of animal experimentation, instead of the economic issue of meat-eating...

Gwen Barnes

Editors:

We cannot answer for people who use terrorist tactics, because we do not employ such tactics ourselves, but if Gwen Barnes (*Martlet*, January 24) has yet to hear any of the animal rights people say anything about the slaughter of animals used in the food industry, it must be because she has not attended any of the meetings of the University of Victoria Animal Rights Society, nor seen *The Animals Film*, which we have shown several times on campus and will be showing again February 28.

...If she had done any of these things she would have learned that laboratory animals, whether pretty or not, do not have it "pretty soft" by any standards, including that of factory farms, but, more important, she would have learned that not only do we completely share her concerns for animals used in the food industry, but we are fighting vigorously to educate the public about the very horrors she describes...

Estelle Campbell
Animals Rights Society

Editors:

I agree with Gwen Barnes' critique of the feedlots and factory farms described in per letter. Such cruelty is unnecessary, it does nothing to improve the quality of food products. A massive conversion to vegetarianism is an impractical suggestion; what

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Quote of the Week:
"You will never find any company in which to invest which will be *politically correct.*
— *AMS General Manager Dave Clode* justifying AMS investment in South Africa

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More Letters

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is needed is a serious examination of farming practices and a new approach to the marketing of food products to solve the problems of stockpiling grain surpluses and massive starvation in many parts of the world...

Art Norris

Editors:

In response to Gwen Barnes' letter of January 24: I am a conservationist and a flesh eater, and see no contradiction in this. All human beings are animals, and most are omnivorous. Omnivorous or carnivorous animals kill other animals to survive. This is neither cruel nor splendid: It is a fact, and a fact which Ms. Barnes seems squeamish about. Why is attacking, uprooting, and killing a plant more noble than butchering another animal?...

Neil Fernyhough

Editors:

Perhaps Gwen Barnes (the *Martlet*, January 24) should "listen" a little closer to animal rights people, if she can't hear any complaints about factory farming. As a starter, I suggest she get a hold of the Vancouver Island Vegetarian Association (9675 Fifth St., Sidney, V8L 2W9).

Your point is well made that the cruelties inflicted on our fellow animals in factory farms are as bad as those on animals in labs. I certainly don't eat meat and get turned off by the sight of cannibalism. Yet I question your vehomosity in attacking people like myself who try to do something about one immoral act because others exist, particularly when you make no claim to be doing anything yourself. If you feel so strongly about it, why don't *you* do something? There are only so many devoted A.R.ists around, and far more injustices to attend to: not everything can be done at once by any given group...

Rob Von Rudloff

The John Galt— Fetish of the self

Editors:

The *Martlet's* articles on the plight of the oppressed, be they in Victoria or in the Philippines, makes evident that the staff is guided not only by a conviction that each one of us has a responsibility for the welfare of other members of the human family but also by the knowledge that the accumulation of wealth depends upon the pauperization of many. This conviction and this knowledge is not new — after all, it formed the basis of the teachings of a well-known "socialist" and "left-wing" advocate in the West — Christ.

In contrast to this moral outlook, one can examine the statements by Walter Block who is to contribute articles to *The John Galt*. In his book *Defending the Undefendable,* Block asserts that moral judgements are irrelevant; that child labour is an institution "with a long and glorious history of good works"; that the "right to discriminate" is a fundamental right of all individuals. Given that Block's economic theories (which are based upon those of Milton Friedman) have been charged with being "devoid of empirical support," it is little wonder that Block can only respond to his critics by labelling them as being "full of shit."

In the interests of clarity, let us abandon the labels left and right. Let us speak rather of morality and immorality, of concern for others and of the fetish of the self.

M. Walker

Helping hands

Editors:

I would like to thank all the kind people who came to my aid on Wednesday, January 16 when I fell over in my electric wheelchair. Not only do I appreciate their physical help in lifting me back into my chair and seeing me safely over to the library, but also their respect in accepting my decision to go home where my doctor is only two blocks away rather than to the medical centre where no one would have understood my speech. Thanks to all of you.

Donna Pistell

Aliens don't count

Editors:

In last week's feature "Hollywood apartheid" about the movie *The Brother From Another Planet* I noticed with interest that the alien protagonist is granted a distinctive gender, whereas director John Sayles is duly emasculated by the ubiquitous "per." The journalist must have decided that an extraterrestrial, human-like as he may be, is not classifiable as a person and hence does not qualify for the unisex pronoun. That's a point worth pondering. If lack of personhood is sufficient shelter against grammatical mistreatment of one's identity, I am prepared to give up mine.

Roberto Racca

Salary cut deplorable

Editors:

It is deplorable that one of the *Martlet* editors' salary has been cut, especially 5/8 of the way through the school year, and reflects some gross irresponsibility on the part of the AMS. We are extremely concerned about this action taken by the AMS and would like the salary fully reinstated.

Cindy Monahan
Lynn OBriain

OPINION

Pro-lifers speak out:

Fiction & fact

If you can no longer attack your opponent's arguments, then attack your opponents. This seems to be the strategy adopted by Pro-Abortion on Demand groups. A number of their publications and letters to the editor depict anyone who opposes abortion as an ignorant, insensitive, rich, woman hating, fanatical Roman Catholic male who opposes all forms of contraception. We'd like to set the record straight.

Myth 1: Only ignorant Roman Catholics and fundamentalist Christians are opposed to abortion.

"It seems as clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime." Mahatma Gandhi, Hindu. "Even if God does not exist, the fetus does." Bernard Nathanson, atheist and former abortionist. "The law forbids the abandonment of children by parents. Is there any greater 'abandonment' than abortion." Rabbi David Hollander, vice-president, Rabbinical Alliance of America. Sihks and Moselms are also opposed to abortion. Of course many Christians, of all denominations, advocate protecting the unborn. Similarly, many Christians oppose cruise missile testing. To say that the entire Pro-Life movement is "Catholic" is as fallacious as saying the anti-cruise movement is "Catholic."

Myth 2: Anti-abortionists oppose all forms of contraception.

A number of the members of Students Against Abortion as well as some members of the executive of the Victoria Pro-Life Society have publicly stated that they practice various methods of (including artificial) birth control. Very few, if any, Pro-Lifers would suggest contraceptives should be made illegal. Preventing unwanted pregnancies demonstrates responsibility, and we certainly advocate that. What we oppose is the use of any procedure which kills another innocent human life. It should also be noted that almost no one in the Pro-Life movement would be opposed to abortion in the case where the continuation of the pregnancy would in itself kill the mother. These cases of "abortion for self defense" are, thanks to modern medicine, extremely rare.

Myth 3: The The Pro-Life movement has vast financial resources which it gets from a few rich supporters.

Like most volunteer agencies, the Pro-Life movement is not rich. It gets no money from the government (as do pro-abortion-on-demand groups such as Planned Parenthood, Status of Women, etc.) Over half of its funds come from a large number of individual donations (ranging from $5 - $50). The rest of the money is raised by a number of fund raising events. The success of these events, and of the entire Pro-Life movement, is based on the hard work of a large number of dedicated volunteers.

Myth 4: Only women hating men oppose abortion on demand.

Half of the members of Students Against Abortion are women, as are about three-quarters of the executive of the Victoria Pro-Life Society. According to Pauline Hubach, treasurer of Victoria Pro-Life, most memberships in the Society are family memberships, though many individuals (female and male) do join. A growing number of feminists are also aligning themselves with Pro-Life. As one feminist said, "Abortion doesn't free women, it exploits them."

Myth 5: Anti-abortionists are violent fanatics.

The opposition to abortion has a long history of peaceful, non-violent activity. The few violent acts which have been committed by people calling themselves Pro-Life are uncharacteristic events. The very basis of the Pro-Life movement is opposed to violence, especially the violence done to the unborn in abortions.

There are many other fallacies which the proponents of abortion-on-demand perpetuate. It seems to be their way of distracting individuals from facts surrounding the abortion issue. Some of these facts are: conception marks the beginning of a new, individual human life. By the time a woman is certain that she is pregnant, the fetus has most of its organs, a regular heartbeat, brainwaves, and is much more than "an amorphous blob of cells." Ultra-sound pictures of abortions show that the fetus will struggle to get away from the curette. The fetus feels the pain of being torn into pieces before being evacuated.

There are a number of support systems available to women with unwanted pregnancies; Birthright, Mother and Child, and Kindred House are some in the Victoria area. Clearly, there are not enough, but abortion (which is perhaps financially the cheapest way out) only hides the problem.

Basic human rights, such as the right to live, should not be denied to anyone because of their sex, religion, race, or physical or mental maturity. Yet there exists a vocal group of individuals called Pro-Choice who oppose these rights. What about the unborn's freedom of choice — its right to live?

Students Against Abortion
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Letter Policy

The *Martlet* has an open letter policy: we will undertake to print every letter we receive from students, staff and faculty; letters must be typewritten (you can use our machines), double spaced, and include the author's name and either the student number or phone number where they can be reached during the day; they should not exceed 300 words. Letters may be edited due to the limited available space. Pseudonyms may be printed in special cases. Letters not conforming to the above requirements may be printed at the editor's discretion, depending on their interest to the UVic community. Neatness also helps. If your letter has not been printed, it's probably because of your peculiar handwriting. Letters are due Monday, noon, previous to the desired publication date. Please write your *Martlet*, it'll do your mind some good.

In the past, we have printed letters which exceed the limit. But this means other letters must be left out each week. So be warned, WE WILL NO LONGER PRINT LETTERS WHICH EXCEED THE 300 WORD LIMIT. You write 'em long, we'll ruthlessly cut 'em!

READING BREAK INCURS EARLIER DEADLINES — Because of the reading break, next week's paper will hit the stands on Tuesday. This means deadline for Billboard, Martletplace, Clubs Calendar and Letters to the Editor is Thursday at 4:30. THAT MEANS TODAY!

SPORT

Vikettes clinch CanWest

by Norm Lebus

"It ain't over 'till it's over" or "The opera isn't over till the fat lady sings." Take your pick — both cliches apply to UVic's basketball teams.

While UVic's women finalized conference matters in Edmonton Saturday, the Vikings salvaged any hope of retaining Canada West with a crucial win Sunday in Saskatoon. In taking Canada West title number four, the Vikettes hope to follow tradition of past seasons — UVic's previous three National Championships came following conference wins.

The Vikettes overwhelming forward depth continued to dominate in Alberta Saturday as Sandy Chambers shut down National team player Toni Kordic in UVic's title clincher. Chambers had 18 first half points while holding Kordic to six, pacing the women to a 17 point half time lead which they maintained in a 68-53 win. Chambers finished with 24 points and 9 rebounds while All Canadian candidate Lori Clarke added a strong 28 points and 11 rebounds.

With post-season action slated for Alberta two weeks hence, coach Kathy Shields commented on the importance of the Vikettes victory. "We know we have to beat them to get to the Nationals," says Shields, and we came away with some confidence for the playoffs."

After neglecting their outside game in Alberta Saurday, UVic honed their perimeter offense in Sunday's 77-53 walkover the hapless Saskatchewan Huskiettes. Sandy Espeseth netted 18 points after a silent night in Alberta while the ubiquitous Lori Clarke added another 20 and nine rebounds.

With one week remaining before conference playoffs, the Vikettes travel to UBC to close out the regular season Saturday.

With their backs against the hoop, the Vikings performed well under pressure, sweeping a pair of must-win games. Although UVic is already guaranteed regional action as hosts to the Western quarter finals, the team is

— photo by John Yankoski

not ready to concede Canada West title number eight.

Alberta's Golden Bears were slain 72-65 Saturday as the Vikes rebounded from an 11 point first half deficit. Reserve forward Shawn Kalinovich spearheaded the Viking comeback, nailing five of seven second half shots to free the lane for Cord Clemens. Clemens hammered home 16 points after the break to finish with 24 and eight rebounds.

Facing a rematch with undefeated Saskatchewan Sunday, the Vikes responded with an excellent effort from their forward line, triumphing 70-64. Phil Ohl and David Sheehan nailed 20 and 16 points for UVic, while centre Cord Clemens battled Husky pivot Byron Tokarchuck to a draw with 19 and nine rebounds.

Essential to both wins was the improved play of the UVic backcourt. The four guard rotation handled pressure well in executing the Viking offense and played better full court defense.

"The wins were very big for our confidence," said coach Ken Shields, adding "we played well in a strange gym, in front of a big crowd."

Currently 5-2 in Canada West, the Vikes trail frontrunning Saskatchewan and Lethbridge by one game. If UVic sweeps their remaining three games and Saskatchewan loses twice, the Vikes could retain their conference title. More importantly, the team's resurgence is re-establishing late season dominance for the long road towards the National Championship. CIAU title number six is far more significant than another Canada West — but the Vikes want both.

UVic plays Canada West action Thursday at UBC before returning home Saturday to resume their intense rivalry with Athletes in Action.□

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SPORT

Crucial weekend for Vikette vball

by Rodd McCormick

If *New York Time*'s film critic Rex Reed were at last Friday's Volleyball game between the University of Saskatchewan Huskies and the Victoria Vikings he would say, "Although the Vikings showed some qualities of respectability, their overall performance was dismal and I would have been better off to stay at home and watch reruns of the Mary Tyler Moore Show."

Despite the Vikes' lame showing, there was an atmosphere condusive to Friday Night Entertainment, with nearly one thousand fans enjoying the Hawaiian Night festivities and the Vikette preliminary match. The Vikings, however, could not get on track against the Number one team in Canada West as they fell 15-7, 15-9, 15-0, in a match that lasted barely one hour.

The bright spot of the evening was the Vikette victory over the Huskiettes. The Vikettes increased their chances for a Wild card birth into the Nationals with an impressive 3-1 thrashing. The Huskiettes, who also lost Saturday night in UBC's gym, fell to third spot in the tight women's division. The Vikettes' potential for post season play increased following Saturday's action, as both teams were victorious against weak University of Alberta squads.

For the Vikettes, this weekend's matches with UBC are must-win situations if the women are to reach the National Tournament.

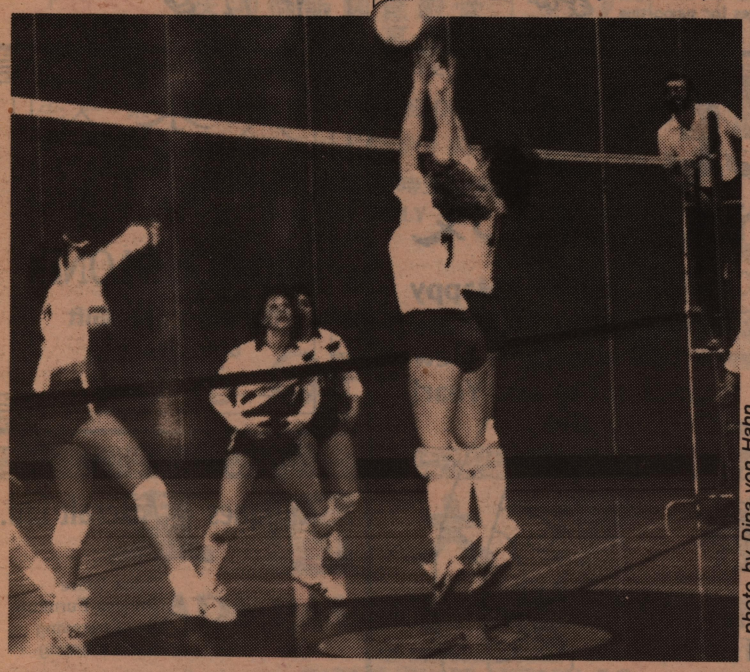
In a simplified version of a complex situation, two wild card berths to the National Tournament are available, based on CIAU ranking. Despite being fourth in their conference, UVic is currently ranked fifth in the country. With victories over number four ranked UBC, the Vikettes could move up in the rankings, and increase their chances for post season play. As four of the nation's top six ranked teams are in Canada West, it is expected that both wild card berths will be awarded to the country's strongest conference.

Currently third in both Canada West and CIAU rankings, the Vikes are looking to sweep UBC to retain second place in the conference. Because of their high national ranking, the men are very strong candidates for the Canadian Championships at York.

This weekend's action starts Friday evening with the second half of the doubleheader scheduled Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m.

With another large crowd expected, Friday features the Vikettes' critical match at 6 p.m., with the Vikes following at 8 p.m.

In support of the Mustard Seed Food Society, Friday night is Food Bank night, and all non-perishable foods donated will benefit the Mustard Seed. Bring along a can of food, and all your enthusiasm — support UVic volleyball and their commitment to excellence.□



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Jill Fougner and Shannon Lazerte put the stuff on Saskatchewan. 2-3 before Christmas, the women's strong second half surge has them poised for a National Championship berth. "Basically, it's been a matter of the girls realizing their potential," says coach Tom Graham.

ACTION FOCUS

Friday
Varsity Volleyball vs UBC
Vikings 6:00 Vikettes 8:00 McKinnon Gym

Saturday
Norsemen Rugby vs James Bay 1:00 McCoy Field
Varsity Volleyball vs UBC
Vikings 2:00 Vikettes 4:00 McKinnon Gym
JV Women's Bball vs Senior B 6:00 McKinnon
Vikings Basketball vs AIA 8:00 McKinnon
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DR. DASHOWAY'S DIGEST

by Henry J. Dashoway

Having decided to do a column on croquet I felt the best way to describe the game's intricate machinations was to write at the pace of one word per day. I wanted to be sure I had it right.

At one word a day I would have a full 24 hours to decide exactly what each word would be. After much consideration I opted not to count punctuation marks as words. You gotta make some allowances for time.

All was well after 10 days — and of course 10 words. Then the *Martlet* sports editor, Norm LeBus, called. Norm became a tad upset when I told per what I was doing; Norm started screaming something about deadlines.

He wouldn't calm down, even after I told him about not counting punctuation. Norm said at 500 words a column it would take me one year, four months and 21 days to write one. At one word a day writing ten columns would take me nearly 14 years!

I had to admit the man had a point. I'm no dummy. And the way things are going we have no guarantee there will even be a *Martlet* in one year, four months and 21 days.

So I'll give you what I got. I think I did a good job of summing up croquet in 10 words, but you be the judge. *Using a mallet you hit a ball through some hoops.*

Right. Having dealt with croquet in such an expeditious manner we'll now turn to Lecher's Row in the McKinnon Gym. In one of the all-too-few letters I get, someone suggested I look into it.

I was told that this is where all the male-type students on campus go to look at all the female type students on campus warming up before exercise. Stretching.

My immediate thought was that there should be some kind of law against such a thing. However after some soul-searching I convinced myself that in the interests of journalism I should go on over and do some research.

It was pretty grueling work. I spent seven hours in my observation post where I, well — observed. I did manage to get a phone number, though in her haste she accidentally gave me the wrong one. I tried it and got the police department.

Anyway I no longer see anything wrong with this place. Not because I enjoyed the research but because I notice there were just as many women watching men as vice-versa.

I believe it's called equality of the sexes. Tit for tat.

One more bit of business. I recently discovered I have been labouring under a rather large misconception. It's a touch embarassing. You see I have always thought there were only 24 letters in the alphabet.

As I'm sure you all know, there are 26. I don't know where I went wrong, I guess I just happen to get the numbers 24 and 26 mixed up. I mean I don't think I've been neglecting, or not using, two letters of the alphabet.

Anyow nxt wk I'm going to talk about socks and ow to old tm up during tat big gam. Until tn s you at Lcr's Row.□

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Feb 27 WED	Chinese Novelty Sale	11:30 AM- 3:00 PM	SUB	Mar 2 SAT	Chinese New Year Dance	7:00 PM	SUB Upper Lounge	
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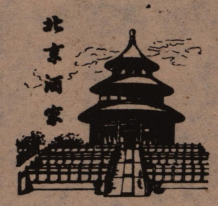

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Lovers

Lovers
written by Brian Friel
at the Phoenix Theatre
until February 16

by Anthony Cooney

When the set lights dim the trilevel stage at UVic's Phoenix Theatre is illusively transformed into a hill overlooking a small Irish town.

On a carefree afternoon in early June, the hill is the locale where two teenage lovers meet to study and frolic above Irish panorama.

Maggie Enright (Teresa Marie White) and her fiance Joe Brennan (Charles Andre) have come to their familiar haunt to prepare for their final exams, after which they are to be married.

Their conversation reveals the young couple's emotional and mental immaturity. Joe is boyishly arrogant, while Maggie is naive and idealistic. Both actors portray these qualities well.

The first two acts have comical moments but several technical flaws detract from the spontaneity of the humour. The contrived Irish accents are a distraction to anyone who is familiar with the gaelic musicality of contemporary Irish speech.

Added to this is poor vocal projection. The dialogue was at times inaudible, particularly when the actors had their backs to sections of the audience. This problem should not occur in a space as small as the Chief Dan George Theatre.

Lovers is a three act play. The final act is a complete change, with a fresh crew of actors taking stage. It is by far the most successful. The set becomes a bilevel flat, the home of Hanna Wilson (Colleen Eccleston) and her hypocondriac mother (Sandra Ashton).

After working all day, Hanna must care for her mother in the evening. Her lover, Andrew Tracy (Gerry Mackay) comes over at night to court her. Unlike the previous couple who were young and filled with fantasy, Hanna and Andrew are older and more mature. They do however, still retain some of that pawing and groping common to lovers of all ages.

In one of the plays more amusing sequences Hanna and Andrew attempt to make love within range of mother's pricked ears. She cruelly rings a bell when there are prolonged silences.

Driven to distraction, the two recite poetry while frantically pulling at one another's clothing. As the action comes to a furious boil, they are interrupted once again by the irritating ring of the call bell signaling Hanna to attend to her mother's needs.

The success of act three is due in large part to Mackay. His general look and fluid style give the humour a spontaniety which was missing in the previous acts.

Lovers makes subtle statements about the familiar drudgery of love and the idiosyncracies of the Catholic Church. It will strike a chord in those familiar with either or both.□

Maggie (Teresa Marie White) lunges for her heart's desire. Joe (Charles Andre) is her unsuspecting love object in the Phoenix Theatre's production of *Lovers*.

— photo by Phoenix Theatre dept.

Music of Paris

by Audrey McClellan

The University Wind Symphony and Jesse Read took their audience to Paris last Friday night, with a program of French music from the 1790's to the 20th century.

Pieces in the program's first half were of a martial nature, written for military bands. The *Overture in C* by Catel, and Paer's *Grand March* were pleasant, but lightweight. The musicians didn't settle into steady playing until the end of each piece. There were problems with intonation — especially in the large clarinet section — and a bit of sloppiness about keeping on the beat. The pieces needed a little fine tuning, although there were many good sections.

Saint-Saens' *Occident et Orient* was a more interesting, and livelier selection. The Wind Symphony played it well, switching competently to the rhythm of Asian music. The percussion section was especially good.

Trois Fanfares pour des proclamations de Napoleon was a fascinating piece by modern French composer Jacques Casterede. It features two speeches by Napoleon and a description of the Battle of Waterloo, which are illustrated by the accompanying music. The University Brass Ensemble, conducted by Louis Ranger, successfully evoked the sounds of battle. Claude Soulodre, a UVic voice student, gave a good reading of the three speeches, but was almost drowned out in parts of the middle section.

After intermission, military music was left behind. Charles Gounod's *Petite Symphonie* featured nine musicians playing light and cheerful music. In such a small group any mistakes would be glaringly visible, but the students gave a beautiful, clean reading of the piece, carefully articulated and smooth.

The closing *Dionysiaques* by Florent Schmitt, was a drastic contrast, and also well done. The Wind Symphony handled the shifting rhythms and tempo with no problem.□

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Festival spotlights student art and music

by Donald Brennan

Lights up. The scene is the Phoenix building. A spotlight illuminates UVic student art.

Several months of work by hundreds of fine arts students, a support staff of dozens and an organizing committee of four work-study students, culminated in UVic's third annual student Fine Arts Festival.

Saturday's festival started slow but appeared to be a success. Associate Dean Anthony Welch estimated some 3,500 people attended.

Work from all five departments (Creative Writing, School of Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, and History in Art) were displayed side by side and at times integrated. Besides allowing students to show their work, the festival also helps the beseiged Fine Arts Faculty defend UVic's unique program.

Clayton Jevine as the tremulous, henpecked Ivan Ivanovitch Nyukhin gave a "dry" (chalk-dust coated) and humorous lecture on *The Harmfulness of Tobacco*, (a Victorian soliloquy) by Anton Chekhov. The performance was particularly suited to a university setting. This egocentric, befuddled professor could have stepped out of our very own English department.

— photo by Sandy Wilson

Festival coordinator Douglas Koch, fund raiser Dayle Sutherland, publicity coordinator Jim Elwood, and graphics designer Malcolm Egan clown around before the big event.

Over in the Barbara McIntyre Theatre, John Avran and Doug Collinge conjured a world of sounds with their eclectic, *Electric Ensemble*.

Using electronics, they created a symphony of geiger counters, bubbling creeks, rusty nails torn from old planks, creaks and groans of old staircases, whale voices, squeakly bed springs, icy winds in glacial caverns, thumping iron-mongery, and the shrilling of a children's swing that reached a crescendo and tapered off into the placating sound of a tap dripping in a bucket of water.

At the same time as the Ensemble, Juliana Saxton and Margaret Burke, assisted by Theatre-in-Education students, gave a children's theatre workshop, followed by a children's music workshop directed by Sharon Patterson.

Close on the heels of the Ensemble in the Barbara McIntyre Theatre were workshop productions of new plays by Creative Writing students, performed and directed by theatre students. For workshop productions, they were extremely polished performances. All actors had memorized their lines and were in costume. Leonard Angel, of the Creative Writing Department, was responsible for initiating cooperation between the Creative Writing and Theatre Departments for this year's presentation in the festival.

Just outside the McIntyre, John Avran, Anne Moyls, and Allan Thorpe played wooden recorders handmade in England. Their Renaissance pieces added a damsel-and-castles atmosphere to the festival.

Tucked away in Room 138, Charlotte Donaldson gave a lecture on artist Joe Duveen, as part of the History in Art presentations. This was followed by a photo-journalism seminar by Creative Writing Co-op student Ken Faris who centered his talk and slide presentation on the artistic merits of photo-journalism.

Then there was "The Happening". At 3 o'clock doors opened to admit part of the large crowd of the curious into the studio. A microcosm of the whole festival, it could be likened to the intergalactic cocktail bar in *Star Wars*. "This is really weird" was the oft-heard comment, as streamers and tapestries unrolled from the rafters in the eerie red glow of stagelights. Circles of people clustered around participants reciting from art history books, showing slides, or shouting poetry from a ladder in the centre. A spotlit player in the corner played discordantly in the John Cage tradition and overhead film projectors played onto the walls and tapestries.

For some the "Happening" was a party that didn't get off the ground. This could be blamed on audience passivity. Still, provocation for participation was definitely lacking.

Finally, the UVic School Music Big Band set the Roger Bishop Theatre swinging with up-tempo music by Count Basie, Rob MacConnell, and others. Directed by Gordon Clements, the punchy, tight-knit group dazzled the capacity crowd with smooth rhythms, scintillating cymbals, and a hard-hitting brass section, leaving the appreciative audience shouting for an encore.

The festival's main purpose was as a showcase for UVic talent. Such events should be continued to encourage artistic expression on campus. With all hope (pending funding cuts) future fine arts festivals will improve with age.□

— photo by Donald Brennan

The Electric Ensemble.

Captive minds

by Tony Roy

Josef Skvorecky,
The Engineer of Human Souls,
Toronto: Lester & Orpens Dennys Ltd., 1984. and,
The Bass Saxophone,
Toronto: Lester & Orpens Dennys Ltd., 1980.

"As an engineer constructs a machine, so must a writer construct the mind of the new man."

So reads the acknowledgement in Josef Skvorecky's novel, *The Engineer of Human Souls*. It is appropriate for Skvorecky to open with a quote from Stalin; after all, Stalin played a large role in per life. Skvorecky was a teenager under Hitler, a young adult under Stalin and a refugee under Brehznev.

Czechoslovakian-born Svorecky is presently a professor of English at the University of Toronto.

The Bass Saxophone is a collection of three short stories, and *The Engineer of Souls* is a novel, although that term may not be entirely accurate. "Novel" generally conjures up visions of *War and Peace* or other such Leviathans, but Skvorecky eschews such grand constructions in favour of a linked series of intimate portraits, stories both humorous and tragic.

The setting in both works ranges from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia through Communist Czechoslovakia to present day North America. *The Engineer of Human Souls* in particular juggles these three time frames adroitly.

Skvorecky's major stylistic method, the short piece with strong characterization, suits the major themes of his works: the value and magic of each individual, and the innate cretinism of dictators, then and now. By maintaining his focus upon the personal and immediate, Skvorecky elevates the individual life to its appropriate position at the center of human dignity and morality.

In a sense, both works are political. By the very territory they inhabit, they raise questions of political morality. But Skvorecky does not shirk the artist's responsibility for judgement. In contrast to the moral relativity of other authors, Skvorecky does not hesitate to condemn where he feels condemnation is justified. But don't get the impression that Skvorecky's work is morally simple, it is not. It is complex, but also fearless. Difficult judgement does not excuse abdication of responsibility.

A friend of mine, upon reading *The Engineer of Human Souls*, commented that Skvorecky was "a bit of a reactionary." That may be, but it is a reaction against those things that debase the human soul. A fitting encapsulation is Skvorecky's assertion in "Red Music" (*The Bass Saxophone*):

> Totalitarian ideologists don't like real life (other people's), because it cannot be totally controlled; they loathe art, the product of a yearning for life, because that, too, evades control — if controlled and legislated, it perishes.□

— photo by Sandy Wilson

"We love you Art Bergman!" shouted a member of the crowd. "I doubt it." sneered back the musician. Last Saturday's CFUV-AMS sponsored dance in the Commons Block was live, loud and limb lashing. No-Means No's Rob Wright (right) means business when he plays guitar and sings about everyday sexual politics. Vancouver's Art Bergman (left) and band Poisoned provided sophisticated, high volume rock for a contingent of young, hard core fans.

Amateurs organize

by Nora Ready

Amateur theatre will continue.

That's the word from the newly formed William Head On Stage. William Head, a medium security federal penitentiary in Metchosin, saw the passing of its amateur theatre society (WHAT) last November. The group dissolved because many of the participants obtained releases from the institution. With the help of new members and remaining WHAT members, William Head On Stage was formed.

Now the group is preparing its first production, *Fools*, by Neil Simon. Performances will take place at the institution starting March 15. In the past, William Head's productions have ranged from *Dracula* to *MacBeth*, and their production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* was so successful, extra showings were held at the MacPherson Playhouse.

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Thursday, February 14

Film

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS UNION is presenting a film series on Psychological topics. All films will be screened in the Viewing Room in the basement of the McPherson Library at 12:30 p.m. This week: *Genetic Psychology*.

WOMEN IN LOVE plays at Cinecenta at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m.

Theatre

LOVERS continues at the Phoenix Theatre at 8 p.m.

Dance

DANCE YOUR HEART OUT at CFUV's Valentines Day Dance. Make a date for 9 p.m. SUB Upper Lounge. ONLY $1!!

Music

IN RECITAL, Jamie MacIver and Sylvia Wiebe performing the works of Brahms, Heiden, Reineke, Stamitz and Strauss at 7:30 p.m. at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (1040 Moss Street). Free admission.

Happenings

HEART BROKEN OVER EDUCATION CUTS? Then show up at the Dare To Care Education rally beginning at 12 noon at Centennial Square.

JOHN ROBERTS speaks at 12:30 p.m. in the SUB Theatre.

MARTLET MEETING in SUB 137 at 3:30 p.m. to critique the paper and assign stories. All welcome.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE WRITING presents a reading by Robin Skelton from 7 to 8 p.m. in Clearihue A311.

Friday, February 15

Film

THE ADVENTURES OF BUCKAROO BANZAI plays at Cinecenta at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

Music

THE CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES continues at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Music Building. Admission is $4 adults and $2 students, available at the UniCentre box office.

LAZY SPIRIT continues at Felicita's at 8 p.m.

JAMES HUNTER, well known Victoria cellist, performs in the Young Building Auditorium, at Camosun College Lansdowne Campus, at 8 p.m. Admission by donation to the Scholarship/Bursary Fund of the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

Theatre

LOVERS continues at the Phoenix Theatre at 8 p.m.

BEACON HILL, Victoria's only improvised live soap opera presents THE TRIAL, in which you, the audience are the jury. The show begins at 9 p.m. at the Centre (563 Johnson Street). Tickets are $5 at the door. For more info call 383-4174.

Music

LAZY SPIRIT continues at Felicita's at 8 p.m.

Happenings

EVERYWOMAN'S BOOKS will celebrate its 10th anniversary. Friends of the store will gather at Open Space Gallery (510 Fort Street) for literary readings and music by P.K. Page, Betsy Warland, Daphne Marlatt, Rona Murray, Ezzell, and Jan Gillanders, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is $2. During the day, the anniversary will be celebrated at the store (641 Johnson Street) with coffee and cake.

The saga continues . . . *Beacon Hill*, Friday at 9:00 p.m., 563 Johnson St.

Dance

IMPROVE YOUR NIGHTLIFE! Women's Dance, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Open Space Gallery (510 Fort Street). Music by CFUV.

Happenings

THE PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS SOCIETY presents a symposium on Career Opportunities in Psychology. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cornett A221. Careers in private, government, and clinical settings will be discussed. Free admission.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HAPPY HOUR from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Clearihue C305. Come celebrate the Year of the Cow.

Saturday, February 16

Film

CAREFUL HE MIGHT HEAR YOU and *LONELY HEARTS* play at Cinecenta at 7:15 p.m. only.

Theatre

LOVERS gives its final performance tonight at the Phoenix Theatre at 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 17

Film

CAREFUL HE MIGHT HEAR YOU and *LONELY HEARTS* continue at Cinecenta at 7:15 only.

Happenings

QUEEN CHARLOTTE slide show and discussion featuring Dave Denning, John Broadhead and Al and Irene Whitney of Pacific Synergies, at 7:30 p.m. Newcombe Auditorium. Students/OAP/NPPAC $2, Adults $3.

Monday, February 18

Film

LE CRABE TAMBOUR plays at Cinecenta at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m.

Music

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Happenings

THE REAL THING makes its Victoria debut at 12:30 p.m. in the SUB Theatre and at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Church Hall (1611 Quadra Street). This film documents the struggle of the Coca-Cola workers in Guatemala. There is a discussion after the film with an exiled Guatemalan labour lawyer.

SOVIET EDUCATORS VISIT at 3:30 p.m. in the SUB Upper Lounge with Dr. Zazun, Dr. Rusanievsky and poet Ivan Drach.

Wednesday, February 20

Film

PRINCESS YANG KWEI FEI and *DOUBLE SUICIDE* play at Cinecenta at 7:15 p.m. only.

Happenings

SKIPPY THE WONDERDOG will give a lecture in the SUB Theatre entitled "Some of my Best Friends are Fleas". Tea and coffee will be served at the break. All canines should attend.

Thursday, February 21

Film

THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK plays at Cinecenta at 7:15 and 9:00 p.m.

Happenings

MARTLET MEETING at 3:30 p.m. in SUB 137 to critique the paper and assign stories. All welcome.

MUJAHEDEEN STOMP (DANCE), Thursday, February 28 in the SUB Upper Lounger. All proceeds to go to the Afghanistan resistance. Sponsored by the P.C. Youth. Allah Akbar!!

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SNUGGLEBUNNY — I love your popcorn and want to go see Ghandi with you. I'll pay my own way in. I'll even stop seeing Theodore on the side if you'll only be my Valentine. Love, Sniffles

S. You're my dream come true; my One — my only YOU. Happy Valentine's Day, Precious. E.

S. Don't change a hair for me — not if you care for me. Stay, Precious Valentine, stay. Each day is Valentine's Day. E.

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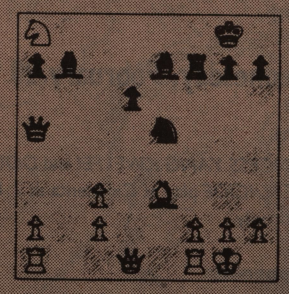

Black to play

by Len Molden

Welcome back to *Chess Time*! Kay Keuh submitted the correct solution to the problem from the January 24 edition. 1...R-KN8ch and if 2.QXR RXPch with mate to follow, or 2.K-B3..RXPmate.

A *complete* turn around has occurred in the Karpov-Kasparov World Chess Championship Match being played in Moscow. For awhile, it looked like Karpov (the defending champion) would walk all over his young opponent. After nine games the score was 4-0 in favour of Karpov. However, in the 39 games played since that point, he has been losing 3-1.

Kasparov has won on the White side of a Queen's Indian the Black side of a Queen's Gambit, and the White side of a Petrov's Defence. The last game Karpov won was on November 24. "The collapse is in full-swing" according to Dan Scoones, B.C. co-chess champion. Karpov has been under heavy pressure. In practically every game, he has had to exert his full defensive powers.

The question now is whether or not Kasparov can prevent Karpov from winning the one more game he needs to claim the match, while continuing his winning ways. I somehow don't think he will. Karpov was in this position in the 1978 World Chess Championship, when the challenger Korchnoi won four games in a row. Karpov, however, was able to eventually win the game he needed to defend his championship.□

Club Calendar

ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB meets Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., SUB Upper Lounge.

UNDERWATER PHOTO CONTEST, March 23, 7:30 p.m. SUB Upper Lounge. *Deadline for entries, March 18.*

SCUBA CLUB meets Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m. Cunningham 146.

SOCIAL WITH MR. PAT CROFTON, MP for Esquimalt-Saanich, Complimentary light buffet, Monday, February 18, Lower Lounge, Commons Block.

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA (WUSC) meets Thursday, 11:30 a.m., SUB 137B.

THE GERMAN CLUB meets Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., in Clearihue D267.

LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT meets Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., UniCentre for dinner.

UVIC KAYAK CLUB meets Friday, McKinnon Pool, 8 p.m.

UVIC SAILING CLUB meets Wednesday, 12:30, Clearihue C108.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB meets Fridays 2:30 - 4:30, Old Gym.

CIRCLE K CLUB meets Mondays, 11:30 a.m., SUB A137.

THE FRIENDS OF GRAVITY meet Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Student Administration Centre, SUB.

THE GAY/LESBIAN ORGANIZATION meet Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30, Cle C116.

UVIC RUNNING CLUB meet Mon., Wed., Fri., 3:30, McKinnon Building lobby.

THE IMAGINATIVE FICTION SOCIETY meet Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Clearihue B315.

THE UVIC GREEN PARTY ASSOCIATION meet Tuesdays, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Clearihue C115.

STUDENTS FOR CHOICE ON ABORTION (SCA) meet Tuesdays, 12:30 Clearihue C-wing.

THE ARAMAIC BIBLE CLUB meet Sunday, 2 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, 8-9 p.m., SUB 137A.

CRICKET CLUB. Old gym, Sundays 6 to 10 p.m.

FOLK DANCE CLUB. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., SUB upper lounge.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT meet SUB 137, Wednesdays, 12:30.

THE OUTDOORS CLUB meet Thursday 12:30, Clearihue A311.

CHESS CLUB meet Thursday, 6 p.m., Cle C108.

UVIC BADMINTON CLUB meets Sundays, 6 to 10 p.m., McKinnon Gym.

STUDENTS AGAINST ABORTION meet Monday, February 18, Mac D107, 12:30 p.m.

DR. W.L. GODSON speaks on "Atmospheric Aspects of Nuclear Winter," February 19, 7:30 p.m., Begbie 159.

THOM HENLEY speaks on "Environmental Problems of African Rain Forests and Deserts," February 27, 12:30 p.m., Cle C-316.

ALL SUBMISSIONS must be typed in this skeleton format. Only include Name, Event, Date, Time and Place. If the heavy editing bothers you, call 721-8367 and ask for Michelle.

More Letters

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Left unfairly branded

Editors:

I would like to say a few words in response to the various outcries emitted from certain Conservative Party members regarding the unauthorized removal of PC posters. I too was greatly disturbed to find the Tory posters had been torn down, not because I am at all sympathetic to their ideas, but because it is indeed a Democratic right to voice one's opinion. However, I do object that these acts were incorrectly attributed to "the Left on campus" (which implies an organized club), especially since NDP club members had no part in the vandalism. (One of our executives, Len Molden, did an editorial comment opposing unauthorized postal removal on CFUV radio.) As a matter of fact, our NDP club posters suffered too.

On Sunday, February 3, numerous NDP club meeting announcements (quite inoffensive in comparison to the Tory posters) were pinned up all over campus. Yet by 11 a.m. on February 4, most were shamefully torn down.

In his letter to the *Martlet* last week, Michael (Short?) Cummings *presumed* those responsible for poster removal were "the Left", and then proceeded to dredge up preposterous associations; associations which bear no relevance to the glaring problems facing Canadians *right now*! Really, it is quite possible ANY student (Right, Left or Centre) of Language, History, Geography, Sociology or WHATEVER, felt offended enough to remove the PC posters.

Once again, I am in no way condoning such actions. All I am asking is we open our minds and not jump to unwarranted conclusions — about anything! It would be very simple for socially-oriented persons to dredge up horror stories of "Capitalism Unleashed." (Consider the days of the Industrial Revolution which saw tiny children exploited in coal-mines and textile factories . . .) But OBVIOUSLY, we get nowhere by irritating old wounds and belabouring petty differences. Perhaps we would better use our time by observing our *SIMILARITIES* and by emphasizing our *ATTRIBUTES*, so that *TOGETHER*, we may all tackle the *pressing problems of the 1980's*.

Pam Frache,
Vice-President
UVic NDP Club

PC defined

Editors:

I am writing in reply to two letters printed in the February 7 *Martlet* from two members of the Progressive (?) Conservative club: Mr. Osselton and Mr. Cummings.

I do not support the unethical removal of the politically biased propaganda of the PC Club. I understand the motivation of those who removed the posters, but the only way to counter the promulgation of lies and half truths which such groups as the PC club want us, the uninformed public, to believe, is to present the facts, and questions those who disseminate such dogma.

How would these people know of the conditions under which people in the Eastern Bloc live? When was the last time Mr. Osselton visited the East? I have been to East Germany and I did not see a lot of people shuffling around encumbered with a ball and a chain. Do not get me wrong, I am sure there are many political prisoners in Eastern prisons, but at the same time I am also sure that there are just as many political prisoners in U.S. supported countries, such as Israel, Chile, Philippine Islands and so on. Neither side is innocent of such crimes and anyone who tries to hide the facts is guilty of bold faced lying.

Why Mr. Osselton is the PC Government supporting that bastion of freedom in the U.S. in its proliferation of nuclear weapons and Star Wars systems? Also Mr. Osselton if you know of a BOD member responsible for removing these posters you should come forward with your evidence, for this is a serious accusation which concerns the whole student body. If, Mr. Osselton, you do not come forward with this information one can only consider that you are making blind accusations for some attempt at political gain in the style of another right-wing group which was present in Germany in the 30's and 40's. With this in mind I address the ridiculously moronic comment of Mr. Cummings in which he implied Nazis and Socialists were one in the same politically. Such an implication is as sensible, intelligent and accurate as saying a Conservative is Progressive. I quote Funk & Wagnalls:

Progressive: Striving or favouring progress or reform, especially social, political, educational or religious.

Conservative: Inclined to preserve the existing order of things; opposition to change.

With such an incredible contradiction of terms weighing down the PC's is it any wonder they are so confused?

Jamie Green

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Time to cry wolf?

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better predator/prey ratio are plans for creating large populations of ungulates (moose, caribou, elk, mountain sheep etc.) for sport hunting. They feel wolf killing is economically and socially expensive. Highly paid wildlife biologists are conducting the kill from helicopters over long periods of time, all at a great taxpayer expense, they say.

The hunt is part of a province-wide wildlife enhancement program which includes intensive range management, wildlife transplants, and predator control.

Government studies from 1970 to the present show declines in ungulate populations. Government biologists concluded increased wolf populations were responsible for these declines.

The program is in its fourth year in the Ketchika region and in its second year in the Muskwa. Both regions combined form an area of 18,400 sq. km and are slated for one more year of the program.

Protest groups feel hunting is a major cause of wildlife population declines, as well as highway deaths (the animals are attracted to road salt). They feel the government has underestimated these other concerns.

To date the environment ministry is "highly encouraged" by the results of the program. Their preliminary reports for the two regions indicate considerable increases in ungulate populations. The census counts the number of calves born to every hundred cows of a given species.

Before the program they counted an average of ten moose calves per hundred cows. Figures now show the average has increased to 30-40 calves per hundred cows. These figures are given in comparison to areas out of the control region where monitored populations have remained the same or decreased slightly in the same period.

"There are very few circumstances in the real world of biological systems where such dramatic results can been seen in such a short time," said Ray Halliday, environment ministry's chief of wildlife management.

Protestors see these moves as short term. By killing a portion of the wolf population, social structures within packs are destroyed. The packs break up, wolves from out of the control region immigrate, and breeding tends to increase. An experimental three year kill in the Horseranch range area showed the population had gone from 36 wolves in 3 packs to 38 wolves in 5 packs. Protestors feel killings only add to problems. They fear the kill could become an annual event to keep the wolf population at a government imposed balance.

The Animal Rights Society will campaign with Project Wolf and the Sierra Club to protest the kill. Using information tables and leaflets they hope to make people more aware of the issues.□

Petch

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says the popularity of certain departments goes in cycles, noting French, Computer Science and Philosophy are popular now while Physics has decreased. "In previous years education dropped but it's holding steady now."

Education seems to be the most common target of government criticism, Petch said. Many people feel Fine Arts is in danger but Petch maintains the faculty is holding steady in enrollment.

"The government has said if we do system planning and eliminate redundant programs they won't carry on with the cuts."

The worst cut that could happen would be a 6.5 per cent cut to next year's operating grant Petch said. This would mean larger classes, less courses, more prerequisites to qualify for courses and fewer opportunities to specialize in third and fourth years, as well as faculty and administration layoffs.

"If they're going to cripple us further, B.C. would be better served by two quality universities," Petch said, adding the government is unlikely to close one of the institutions because it would be "bad politics."

Petch also feels any increase to tuition fees would only produce an equal drop in enrollment because many students would not be able to attend, particularly rural ones. "Personally, there's no way there could be another 25 per cent increase," Petch said. "Anything other than a modest increase will not provide a profit."

UVic's operating budget is a little over $60 million, 16.7 per cent of which is paid for by tuition fees. Salaries account for 85 per cent of the operating budget, while the remainder is primarily fixed costs which cannot be reduced.

The government will not announce its budget until mid-March, Petch predicts. This means UVic will not be able to finish its budget until April or May. UVic will have missed out on the prime recruitment time (February) for hiring professors, Petch said.

"The situation has never been more confused."□

Vegging out

by Karla Decker

Those of you whose springtime thoughts turn to vegetable growing have a unique opportunity to fulfill your gardening ambitions right here at UVic.

Planting time is almost here, and plots at UVic's Allotment Gardens can be leased for $5 a year. The plots are located behind the Saunders Building.

Administrator Jeff Butler of Environmental Studies says students who make use of their plots can get the same one each year, even after graduation. More land is available for expansion if enough interest is shown this year, he says. There are watering facilities at the plots, and some tools are available. Butler hopes interested parties will contact him at 721-7354 and leave their numbers.□

RETRACTION

Our apologies to Saanich mayor Mel Couvelier, who wrote us last week claiming a headline in our January 10 issue could give readers the impression he held anti-semitic views. The headline was in reference to the subject of the article, acting mayor Mary Casilio.

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Apologies to staffer Dina von Hahn who took last week's soccer photos, mistakenly attributed to someone else.

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John Galt editor Mark Hughes would like us to inform readers his newsletter will print Letters to the Editor in the next edition (March 1.)□

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Left's fuzzy reasoning

Editors:

Your editorial on the PC Club's posters came as no great surprise to us. It is a neat example of the fuzzy reasoning prevalent on the political left.

Your first point, that we erred in not mentioning U.S. activities in our Latin America piece, assumes that it is our responsibility to provide a perfectly balanced view of the issues. This is a false assertion. The conventions of political debate do not oblige anyone to publicize the views of his opponents. You might as well say that those protesting the proposed logging of Meares Island are required to state MacBlo's position in addition to their own.

You also assert that our intent is to cow people into ignoring domestic problems by the spreading of "fear and hatred." Not so. We believe that an accurate assessment of our own difficulties requires a clear understanding of the global situation, not the cultivation of ignorance.

In regard to "fear," it is quite reasonable to have some fear of regimes like East Germany who surround their citizens with barbed wire and automatic shotguns. To ignore the fact that 1,500 people have died on the Wall since 1961, to *not* fear such brutality, is a far greater mistake than taking prudent notice from the suffering of others. To ignore terrible realities such as the Wall strikes me as an immoral disregard for the humanity of those who suffer behind it.

Tony Roy
Communications Director,
UVic PC Club

Minority by whose count?

Editors:

Of all the anti "per" letters in the *Martlet* February 7 edition, one in particular made me MAD. It is not so much the usage of per, but the arguments made against it. I am disgusted that someone had the nerve to say a change in the language "is nothing more than the BULLYING of a MINORITY trying to decree how the rest of US should view the world . . ." (emphasis mine).

Where do I begin? Firstly, telling half the population that they are a "minority," if you please, is specific in its blatant insistence that women have no, or should have no say — whereby people should continually view THIS MAN'S world through HIS eyes, and HIS eyes only. Furthermore, the usage of "us" in the above quote re-supports the notion, because it is sexism at its best: You are the One, and women are the Other. Lastly, should the PERson have known anything about language usage and change throughout HIS-story He might not have been as quick to make his ignorant accusation about "the de-sexing of huMAN affairs." (emphasis mine).

To this person I can only suggest that he look at the development of language and question why some words today hold very negative connotations. For example, spinster and gossip, come immediately to mind. The obvious conclusion is that many words "are inadequate on account of [their] failure to provide" CORRECT information, in addition to their sexism. If PER doesn't make it, other attempts must be made.

Jane Kalina

alma mater society
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YOUR BUREAUCRACY IN ACTION

If you would like more information on any of these events, please contact me or drop into my office in the SUB.

Rosemin Keshvani
AMS President
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February 19th

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Ivan Drach: Poet

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FEB 26 LOW-LEVEL RADIATION — HOW SAFE?
Dr. Rosalie Bertell, Director, Institute for Public Health

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Dr. Meyer Brownstone, President, OXFAM

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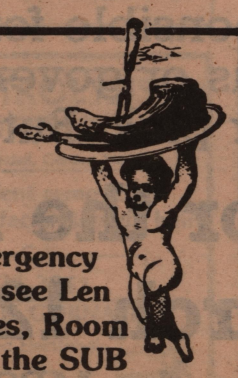

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